

Jeff Mikels Lafayette Community Church

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The Christmas Generosity Project

GIFT CARDS • SALVATION ARMY • MATRIX • LCCSERVE • PROJECT SAFETY NET

WE ARE TRAINING OURSELVES TO EMBRACE GENEROSITY BY GIVING MONEY AWAY • \$19.95

Becoming Generous – 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Background

PAUL TO TIMOTHY AND HE EMPHASIZES MONEY
DO YOU LIKE IT WHEN CHURCHES TALK ABOUT MONEY?

1. Money gives a **FALSE SECURITY**.

ILL: NIAG. FALLS LOSING MARK / JOSH • NO MOBILE! • EVEN STILL, WE FELT FREE • CREDIT CARDS!
OUR FIRST PROBLEM IS THAT WE THINK MONEY PROVIDES SECURITY

ILL: FIVE YEAR OLD WITH A DOLLAR • SALVATION ARMY • "IF I DO THAT... PAY THE BILLS."

2. God provides what I need for **SECURITY** and **JOY**.

ILL: JEN AND I MAKE MORE NOW, BUT WE DON'T FEEL MORE FINANCIALLY SECURE

If I don't have enough for security and joy, it's not because of God's **PROVISION** but because of my **CHOICES**.

3. We are **OBLIGATED** to do good and be generous.

BUT I'M NOT RICH... OH YES WE ARE!

Three Levels of Generosity

- GRATITUDE** — pre-planned wealth reduction / tithe.
- PASSION** — financially prioritizing a project I choose.
- IMPULSE** — being prepared for spontaneous action.

WE GET THESE BACKWARD AND THAT IS A FALSE GENEROSITY
LET GENEROSITY LIMIT YOUR LUXURIES, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND!

4. Generosity is an eternal **INVESTMENT**.

SEE MATTHEW 6:19-21 • REFLECTIONS ON THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
VIDEO 1 • COMMENT • VIDEO 2 • RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU CAME SINCE OR BECAUSE OF 2301

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- We are **ENDING** the **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**.
- We are raising **MONEY** for Matrix, Demolition, and Secret Blessings.
- I'm asking for a spontaneous gift of **\$19.95** per person today!

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